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## 6 SOVIET WRITERS DUE AT P.E.N. TALK

### Expected to Defend Recent Trial at Meeting Here

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MOSCOW, June 4—The Soviet Union named a delegation of six writers today to defend the Sinyavsky-Daniel trial at a congress of the International Society of Poets, Essayists and Novelists opening next Saturday in New York.

The case of the two Russian Novelists, Andrei D. Sinyavsky and Yuli M. Daniel, convicted in February for anti-Soviet writings, is expected to figure prominently in the discussions at the P.E.N. congress.

Taking no chances that any opinions contrary to the official verdict against the two country as writers' union officials might be aired by Soviet officials than as working authors' representatives, the Russians Mr. Breitburg, described as a did not include in the delegation critic, is more prominent as a single spokesman of the liberal trend in modern Soviet literature.

Some of the liberal writers have made clear their doubts about the wisdom or fairness of the small Balkar mountain tribe the verdict in conversations of the Caucasus, which was with literary colleagues from exiled to central Asia by Stalin the West and other Communists on spurious charges of having countries.

As announced by Tass, the official press agency, the Soviet delegation to the congress will return to its homeland after the dictator's death.

The trial and conviction of Mr. Sinyavsky and Mr. Daniel stirred a worldwide protest. The two authors were convicted under a provision of the Soviet criminal code covering anti-Soviet propaganda and agitation. Both men pleaded innocent.

Much of the criticism came from Communist parties in East and West Europe. The Russians have been sensitive to this criticism and made extraordinary efforts to defend the authorities' actions.

Writers' delegations have held meetings with foreign colleagues in Moscow and on trips to other capitals. On their return they have reported being subjected to heated questioning.

In one delegation to Prague, for example, writers' union officers presented the official arguments while, according to reliable sources, more liberal members of the group approached their Czechoslovak colleagues to dissociate themselves from what the delegation leaders had said.

#### Carver's Visit Recalled

David Carver, the British secretary of P.E.N. International, visited Moscow in April to urge clemency for the two writers, who have been confined to hard-labor camps.

Mr. Sinyavsky, sentenced to seven years, was published in the West under the pseudonym Abram Tertz; Mr. Daniel, known abroad from his clandestine writings as Nicolai Arzhak, received a five-year sentence.

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